

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTFORD  
WARRANT**

**Middlesex, ss.**

**To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,**

**GREETINGS:**

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, at their several polling places, viz:

<b>Precinct 1</b>	Abbot School
<b>Precinct 2</b>	Blanchard Middle School
<b>Precinct 3</b>	Abbot School
<b>Precinct 4</b>	Robinson School
<b>Precinct 5</b>	Stony Brook Middle School
<b>Precinct 6</b>	Rita Edwards Miller School

**Tuesday, May 06, 2008**

Being the first Tuesday in said month, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following officers:

**FOR FIVE YEARS**

One member of the Planning Board  
One member of the Housing Authority

**FOR THREE YEARS**

Two members of the Board of Health  
Two members of the Board of Selectmen  
Two members of the Library Trustees  
Two members of the School Committee  
Moderator

**VACANCY**

One member of the Library Trustees

**The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM;**

And to meet at the Abbot School Gymnasium at Depot Street on the following date:

**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008**

At 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following Articles, Viz:

**REPORTS**

**ARTICLE 1: Acceptance of Town Reports**

*Town Manager*

To hear the Reports of Town Officers, Boards and Committees for the calendar year 2007;

Or act in relation thereto.

**FINANCIAL (FY08)**

**ARTICLE 2: Fiscal Year 2008 Supplemental Appropriations**

*Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate various sums in order to supplement operating budgets for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 3: Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Transfers**

*Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to transfer various sums between and among various accounts for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 4: Unpaid Bills from Previous Fiscal Year(s)**

*Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay for an unpaid bill of a prior fiscal year for various Town departments in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 64;

Or act in relation thereto.

**FINANCIAL-FISCAL YEAR 2009**

**ARTICLE 5: Amendments to the Wage and Classification Plan**

*Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Pay Classification Plan for non-unionized municipal employees, effective July 1, 2008;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: Acceptance of Enterprise-Legislation-Recreation** *Town Manager*  
To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53F ½ in order to establish a Recreation Enterprise Fund;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget** *Town Manager*  
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, for the operation and maintenance of Town Departments for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and that such sums be expended for such purposes under the direction of the respective Town Officers, Boards and Committees;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 8: Property Tax Exemption Increase by 100% for the Blind, Elderly and for Disabled Veterans** *Board of Assessors*  
To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 73, Section 4 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, by providing for additional property exemptions for qualified residents who may be blind, elderly, surviving spouses or minors, or who are disabled veterans, and to continue the present percentage increase of 100%;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 9: Revolving Funds** *Town Manager*  
To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ for the following:

Council on Aging-Adult Supportive Day Care Center  
Recycling Commission  
Recreation Commission-Field Maintenance  
School Department-Parking Fees  
School Department-Bus Fees;  
Recreation Commission-Programs  
Town Manager-Westford Partnership for Children;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 10: Highway Department Chapter 90 Funds**

*Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the proceeds due to the Town under the provisions of MGL Chapter 90;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 11: Capital Requests**

*Town Manager*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$779,500 (SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS) by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, to provide for the following capital requests:

<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
Technology	\$384,000	Hardware, software, maintenance, and any other related costs
Town Clerk	\$9,500	Fireproof file cabinets, microfilming, scanning, and any other related costs
Police Department	\$110,000	3 cruisers and accessories, and any other related costs
Fire Department	\$6,500	Hose Bed Covers Engines 1 & 5, and any other related costs
School Department	\$90,500	Replace Boiler #2-Nabnasset Elementary School, HVAC Controls project completion-Abbot Elementary School, Educational/Instructional Technology-System wide, and any other related costs
Highway Department	\$179,000	2 One Ton Trucks, 2 Pickup Trucks, Accessories, and any other related costs
School Department	\$300,000	Ongoing mediation of Oil Spill at Abbot Elementary School, and any other related costs

Or act in relation thereto.

**CAPITAL EXPENSES FY 2009**

**ARTICLE 12: Upgrade Water Main in Byrne Avenue**

*Water Commissioners*

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, for the purpose of replacing and upgrading the water main in the Byrne Avenue area;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 13:      Painting & Refinishing Existing Water Tank** *Water Commissioners*  
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) or some other sum by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, for the purpose of painting and refinishing an existing water storage tank;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 14:      Designing, Permitting & Bidding New Well on** *Water Commissioners*  
**Country Road**  
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 (FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) or some other sum, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, for the purposes of designing, permitting, and issuance of a request for proposals for the development of a new well on Country Road;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 15:      Route 110/Minots Corner** *Board of Selectmen*  
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof, to provide for the completion of the design of the Route 110 / Minot's Corner Intersection Project;

Or act in relation thereto.

### **CPA FUNDS**

**ARTICLE 16:      Community Preservation Committee** *Community Preservation*  
**Recommendations** *Committee*  
  
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendations of the Westford Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Funds, as follows:

Or act in relation thereto.

### **GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

**ARTICLE 17:      General Bylaw Review: Reports** *Board of Selectmen*  
  
To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 51 of the General Bylaws as follows:

§51.1.E. **Availability of Records Prior to Annual Town Meeting.** All records to be presented for a vote at an Annual Town Meeting must be made available to the public at least 14 days prior to Annual Town Meeting. The word “record” shall mean any written or printed book or paper, or any photograph, microphotograph, map or plan.

1. Records must be published on the town's web site, and available in paper copy at the town clerk's office.
2. Nothing in this bylaw changes any existing reporting or notification requirements that may be established by other bylaws or Massachusetts General Law.

§51.2.D. **Availability of Records Prior to Special Town Meeting.** All records to be presented for a vote at a Special Town Meeting must be made available to the public at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The word “record” shall mean any written or printed book or paper, or any photograph, microphotograph, map or plan.

1. Records must be published on the town's web site, and available in paper copy at the town clerk's office.
2. Nothing in this bylaw changes any existing reporting or notification requirements that may be established by other bylaws or Massachusetts General Law.

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 18: General Bylaw - Stormwater Management**

*Planning Board*

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Stormwater Management Bylaw as Chapter 176 of the General Bylaws, in order to require practices to control the flow of stormwater, erosion, and stormwater runoff from new and redeveloped construction sites into the Westford storm sewer system, in accordance with the Town's requirement under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Stormwater Program, as part of the Clean Water Act;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 19: General Bylaw - Discharges to the Municipal Storm Drain System**

*Board of Health*

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Discharges to the Municipal Storm Drain System Bylaw as Chapter 177 of the General Bylaws, in order to eliminate and prevent pollution from entering the Town's storm sewer system by regulating illicit connections and discharges, in accordance with the Town's requirement under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Stormwater Program, as part of the Clean Water Act;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 20: General Bylaw - Bylaw Review Committee** *Bylaw Review Committee*  
To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 10 of the General Bylaws as follows:

§10.2.F. The Committee chair or some members of the Committee designated by the Committee shall report to the Town Meeting its recommendation on any article in the Warrant that proposes an amendment or addition to the General Bylaws. The Committee's recommendation shall be based on the form and consistency of the proposed amendment or addition and on their placement in the General Bylaws. The Moderator shall call upon the Committee for such report prior to the discussion or vote on such article.

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 21: Delete & Remove Non Zoning Wetland Bylaw** *Citizen Petition*  
To delete and remove from the Town of Westford By-Laws the following sections in their entirety: Sections 171.1 – 171.13, inclusive (Non-Zoning Wetland By-Laws);

Or act in relation thereto.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**ARTICLE 22 Delete and Remove Wetland Rules & Regulations** *Citizen Petition*  
**from the Town of Westford Code**  
To delete and remove from the Town of Westford Code the following sections in their entirety: Sec. 235-1 through 235-8 inclusive (Wetlands Rules and Regulations);

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 23: Special Act Relative to Voter Information** *Board of Selectmen*  
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation with the General Court in the following form:

"An Act authorizing the Town of Westford to send certain information to registered voters in the Town of Westford.

Be enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows.

Section 1

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section twenty-two A of Chapter 55 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford shall, at least seven days before any election at which a question, other than a question on the ballot pursuant to section eighteen A of Chapter 53, shall be submitted solely to the voters of the Town of Westford, cause to be printed and sent to each residence of one or more voters whose name appears on the latest voting list for said town and make available at each polling place ( 1) the full text of each question, (2) a fair and concise summary of each question including a one sentence statement describing the effect of a yes or no vote, prepared by Town Counsel and (3) arguments for and against such question as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of the section.
- (b) No argument shall contain more than two hundred and fifty words. Said Board of Selectmen or, at its request, the Town Counsel shall seek such written arguments from the principal proponents and opponents of each such question. The Board of Selectmen shall designate a date by which written arguments must be received in a written notice to the principal proponents and opponents. Said notice must be issued at least 14 days before the date by which written arguments must be received.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, the principal proponents and opponents of any such question shall be those persons determined by the Board of Selectmen to be best able to present the arguments for and against such question. The principal proponents or opponents of such a question may include a town or district officer or committee and the principal proponents may include the first ten signers or a majority of the first ten signers of any petition initiating the placement of such question on the ballot. In determining the principal proponents and opponents of such a question, the Board of Selectmen shall contact each ballot question committee, if any, as defined in section one of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, organized specifically to influence the outcome of the vote on such question. If no argument is received by the Selectmen within the time allowed by this section, the Town Counsel shall prepare such argument.
- (d) All arguments filed with the Board of Selectmen pursuant to this section and the summary prepared pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, shall be open to public inspection at the office of Town Clerk of the Town of Westford and, if the vote affects a district, the arguments and summary shall be open to public inspection at the office of the clerk of each city or town within the jurisdiction of the district.

Section 2

This special act shall apply to dissemination of the informational material as provided by the terms of the Act where the question presented involves the regional district of which the Town of Westford is a member or involves a joint undertaking by the Town of Westford and any one or more cities or towns.



Section 3

This Act shall take effect upon its passage.”

Or act in relation thereto.

**STREET ACCEPTANCE**

**ARTICLE 24:**      **Allie Lane (from station 0+00 to end) &      *Citizen Petition***  
**Lindsey Lane (from station 0+00 to 8+40.29)**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, Section 21, to accept Lindsey Lane (approximately 680 feet long) and a portion of Allie Lane (approximately 840 feet long (beginning at Groton Road for a distance of 840 feet)) as town public ways as shown by the report and plan duly filed with the Town Clerk and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of the said ways;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 25:**      **Hitchin Post Greens II:      *Board of Selectmen***  
**Magnolia Drive (from station 0+00 to 1+65)**  
**Greenbrier Drive (from station 0+00 to 1+85)**  
**Juneberry Lane; Casie Lane**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, Section 21 to accept Juneberry Lane (approximately 1000 feet), Casie Lane (approximately 1650 feet), and Greenbrier Drive from station 0 + 00 to station 1 + 85 and Magnolia Drive from station 0 + 00 to station 1 + 65, as a town public way and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of the said way;

Or to act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 26:**      **Alcorn Drive      *Board of Selectmen***

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82, Section 21 to accept Alcorn Crossing (approximately 2,220 feet) as a town public way and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of the said way;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

**ARTICLE 27:      Extension of Section 6.3: Growth Management Bylaw      *Planning Board***  
**for an Additional Year**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 173, Section 6.3 of the Westford Zoning Bylaw to extend the Growth Management Bylaw for an additional year to allow for the completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan update, as follows:

§6.3.2.2 The provisions of this Section 6.3 shall expire on May 11, 2009; however, by vote of Town Meeting before said date, the provisions of this Section 6.3 may be extended for an additional five years, in order to continue comprehensive municipal planning studies necessary to promote orderly growth. In the event such action is taken by the Town Meeting prior to May 11, 2009, these provisions shall not be construed to have lapsed on such date;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 28:      Rezone to Commercial Highway      *Citizen Petition***  
**Map 5 Parcels 5, 6 & 7**

To re-zone the following parcels located in the Town of Westford to Commercial Highway (CH): Map 5 Parcel 5, Map 5 Parcel 6, and Map 5 Parcel 7;

Or act in relation thereto.

**LAND USE & LAND AQUISITIONS**

**ARTICLE 29:      Stepinski Parcel      *Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners***

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional sum of money to supplement the appropriation made under Article 12 of the November 4, 2003 Special Town Meeting for the acquisition of the so-called "Stepinski property," such appropriation to be raised by taxation, by borrowing, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination thereof;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 30:      Easement at Routes 27/225 BFFRT      *Board of Selectmen***

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain certain rights in fee or by easement on properties located along Route 27 and Route 225 from the Carlisle Town line to the intersection of Routes 27 and 225 and inclusive of any parcels that are within 500 feet of the centerline of the rail bed right-of-way centerline, including, obtaining permanent roadway, sidewalk, rail trail, and utility easements, for the purposes of construction and maintenance of roadway, sidewalk, rail trail and utilities along the rail bed and at the intersection of Routes 27 and 225;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 31: Easements for South Chelmsford Road Sidewalk** *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain certain rights in fee or by easement on properties located along South Chelmsford Road from the Chelmsford Town line to the intersection of South Chelmsford Road and Southgate Road, including obtaining permanent sidewalk and utility easements, for the purposes of construction and maintenance of a sidewalk and utilities on South Chelmsford Road;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 32: Easements at Flagg Road / Forge Village Road** *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain the following rights on a property located at 3 Forge Village Road (Map 21 Parcel 34), including obtaining permanent roadway easements, for the purposes of construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of roadway, utilities, and retaining walls on Forge Village Road;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 33: Authorization of Lease at Frances Hill Road Property** *Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40, §§ 3 and 4 to enter into a lease for certain Town of Westford owned property in the care, control and custody of the Board of Water Commissioners, at Frances Hill Road off of Hunt Road identified as Westford Assessors Map 33, Parcel 17; said lease to be for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a telecommunications facility on the existing water storage tank on said property as well as for access to and from said storage tank and for constructing and maintaining utilities appurtenant to the telecommunications facility; said lease to be awarded pursuant to a Request for Proposals and to be upon such terms and for such length of time as the Board of Water Commissioners deems proper;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 34: Intermunicipal Agreement to Acquire, Design and Construct the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail** *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 4A, to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with any or all of the Towns of Carlisle and Acton, or any governmental unit thereof, for a term not to exceed twenty-five years, and to include an amount setting forth the maximum financial liability of the Town in accordance with the Intermunicipal Agreement, to be entered into for the purposes of acquisition, design and construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 35:      Transfer Care, Custody and Control of Town Farm      *Board of Selectmen***  
**Road Building to Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 15A, to transfer the care, custody and control of the Town Farm building from the School Department to the Board of Selectmen;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 36:      Acquisition of the Franco American Club      *Citizen Petition***  
**(55 West Prescott Street) As an Alternative to the**  
**Expansion of the Cameron Senior Center**

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to begin negotiations as soon as possible with the board of directors of the Franco American Club of Westford to determine an acceptable price for the Town to acquire the property at 55 West Prescott Street now owned by the Franco American Club being four acres more or less; and further urge the Board of Selectmen to present a plan to a Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2008 that would utilize the building at 55 West Prescott Street for the Town's senior center as an alternative to expanding the Cameron Senior Center on Pleasant Street;

Or act in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 37:      Comprehensive Master Plan      *Planning Board***

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Comprehensive Master Plan prepared and accepted by the Planning Board pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 81D;

Or act in relation thereto

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy thereof at the Town Hall, Library and at each Post Office in said Town of Westford at least fourteen (14) days prior to the time of holding said meeting.

THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Wormell (Chair)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Jefferies (Vice-Chair)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Rosinski

\_\_\_\_\_  
Geraldine Healy-Coffin

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Sullivan

**A TRUE COPY  
ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Constable of Westford**

**DATE:**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SERVED THE FOREGOING WARRANT BY POSTING A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY THEREOF AT THE TOWN HALL, LIBRARY AND AT EACH POST OFFICE IN THE SAID TOWN OF WESTFORD AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF HOLDING SAID MEETING.**